

might." If this should be my last message to you let it close with these words: Love God, love one another, be of good courage regardless of difficulties, care for the young. Support the cause of Christ financially to the fullest extent of your ability, keep up the interest in prayer meeting and S. S. C. E. work, pray and labor diligently for success in revival seasons, and victory will be yours through the Lord Jesus.

## Church News.

### A GREAT REVIVAL.

The Lord has done a wonderful work at Aleppo, Green county, Pa. It came about in this wise. Our dear brother Jacob Murry tried hard to get some one to hold a meeting for him but failed. Hence he began a meeting alone. Taught school through the day and preached at night. I arrived on Saturday, preached Saturday night, Sunday morning and night upon, "The evangelization of the whole world." Then I went to Quiet Dell for several nights delivering the missionary messages the Lord gave me. Brother Murry continued the meeting at Aleppo until I returned. The meeting having been continued a week, I agreed to stay one week. After four nights the Lord's power was manifested by three public confessions. This was Saturday night. Sunday morning one came forward, and at night three more. Monday night twelve came out; on Tuesday night thirteen; Wednesday night five I believe; every night during the week some came forward.

One night the tide rose higher than ever before. I never saw such weeping. Some of the hardest hearts of the community were broken. Twenty-four came forward and confessed the same night. When my week was up Brother Murry wired my people asking them to grant me another week's absence. They wired back, stay another week. So every night save one, souls came forward. The last night seven confessed. The first was an amiable school teacher, a lady much respected. Five teachers publicly confessed during the meeting, and after it closed another gave me his hand saying, I promise to live a different life. This made three teachers the last night.

From the time the first one confessed Christ until the close of the meeting—two weeks—ninety-six confessed besides the teacher who gave me his hand at Brother Murry's house. I believe he will fully confess Christ, hence ninety-seven. All came in two weeks. I preached my last sermon on Friday night and reluctantly gave all good-bye, took the 2:00 A. M. train and arrived home at 3:00 P. M. Sat-

urday. O, how glad I was to meet family, and my dear people after an absence of five weeks. Dear Brother Murry is one of the best men I ever worked with. He would just take hold of anything I asked him to do. All I had to do was to preach and visit through the day. In this he helped me much. For more than a week he suspended school and went with me from house to house. He and his wife would call people out of bed by telephone and tell the good news. O, how good the Lord is. I never realized the Holy Spirit's presence as in this meeting. I never felt my nothingness, my helplessness, and God's willingness to work as in this meeting. Give God all the glory. May God help all of us to aim at perfection, even if we come below it, rather than to aim at imperfection and succeed in attaining it.

My holiness, my righteousness, my goodness, are as filthy rags. All the holiness for me is to be "wholly" dead, that Christ may live in me, that he may, will and do his pleasure in me.

We can never produce figs from thistles, we can never change a goat into a sheep. O let God kill self—the thistle, the goat—and let him plant the true vine, then we can have the faith of God, the love of God, that which surpasseth knowledge. O, let us ask largely, and God will do "exceedingly abundantly," above all that we can ask or think, by his power that dwell inside of us. May God help us not to be mere babes in Christ, carnal, jealous, and wishing each other ill, but abstain from the very appearance of evil, that the God of peace may sanctify us through and through, that our whole soul, body, and spirit may be kept blameless. God has promised, is able, and will do it if we let him. He will strengthen us by his Spirit in the inner man, that Christ by the Holy Spirit may dwell in side of our hearts. O, I pray God that instead of fighting the Holy Ghost and Biblical sanctification, and having so little faith we would be unprejudiced and believe and ask largely and God will bless us. O, may we try as hard to please God as many do to please man. Let us not fight God, but read his word, believe it and practice it. The key of power can only be obtained by waiting until we are endowed with power from on high. Brother Murry is continuing the meeting. He will give the final report. Pray for us.

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### JOHNSTOWN, PA.

The Johnstown congregation is engaged in an intensely interesting series of revival service.

Each evening since the opening of the New Year, our pastor has been telling the

'old, old story' from the pulpit to good-sized audiences of attentive, earnest listeners, with wonderful power and effective results. Already, about forty souls have made the good confession and have been enlisted under the banner of the blessed Master. Others are pressing toward the kingdom. God has abundantly blessed the earnest, self sacrificing efforts of Brother Haskins during these meetings, and if his health will permit the continuation of the services, we feel confident that many more souls will be gathered into the fold.

Our brethren and sisters were very agreeably surprised last evening by the presence in the pulpit of our much esteemed brother, elder H. R. Holsinger. It is so gratifying to all of us that his health is so much improved, and we earnestly pray the Divine Father to grant him many years yet, for the encouraging and strengthening of the Brethren Church.

As treasurer of the Pennsylvania Mission Board, I desire to call the attention of the Brethren Churches of our state to the *utter barrenness* of the treasury. It seems to me absolutely useless to take up the time at our annual conventions to originate plans, and discuss schemes for successful mission work in our state, as long as the individual congregations will not forward their quota of financial support quarterly. Our Mission Board can do nothing without finances. We have the calls. We know of those who are ready to be sent, but lack the wherewith to send them.

True, times are hard, work scarce and money scarcer, but we ought to be able to arrange accordingly. The amount per capita for the year is twenty five cents. Now, it does seem to me quite plausible that one-fourth of this amount could be collected at the close of each quarter by each congregation and forwarded to the Board. In fact, we have tried this plan here in Johnstown and find it will work admirably. For example: At the close of the first quarter of the conference year, Brother Haskins stated from the pulpit that the first quarter of our mission quota was due and suggested that we divide the amount due from each member for the year into four payments, viz; six cents each for the first three payments and seven cents for the last payment. He then requested that on the following Sunday each member place six cents in an envelope, marking the envelope with your name and the words "For Missions" and drop it into the collection basket. This was done and I believe every member present on the following Sunday has paid one-fourth of his or her mission dues. Let me assure you, times are just as dull in Johnstown as in any other part of our state.

Collected in this manner, the amount re-